

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Section 68.4(a) of the))
FCC's Rules Governing)	WT Docket No. 01-309
Hearing Aid Compatible)	
Phones)	

HAC Report of Alltel Communications, Inc.

Alltel Communications, Inc. ("Alltel") submits its report in the above-captioned proceeding as required by Public Notice, "*Wireless Telecommunications Bureau Announces Hearing Aid Compatibility Reporting Dates for Wireless Carriers and Handset Manufacturers* (WT Docket No. 01-309)", DA 04-630, released March 8, 2004. ("March Public Notice"). Under the terms of the March Public Notice, wireless carriers are to file reports every six months (annually beginning today) on the dates specified detailing their efforts to comply with Section 20.19 of the Commission's rules governing the compatibility of digital wireless devices

with hearing aids. Reports are due under the March Public Notice by November 17, 2006.¹

Alltel is a “Tier II” wireless carrier under the terms of the rules, serving approximately 11 million wireless subscribers in various regional markets across the nation. It is familiar with requirements under both the HAC Order² and Section 20.19 of the Commission’s rules. As of September 16, 2005, Alltel was required to have at least two digital handsets for each air interface among their handset offerings that met the technical standard set forth in Section 20.19(b)(1) of the rules. Further, by September 16, 2006, Alltel was required to include in its handset offerings at least two handset models that comply with the requirements of Section 20.19(b) (2) of the rules. Alltel notes that Section 20.19 also contains labeling and other requirements applicable to hearing aid compatible handsets and packaging when they are made commercially available.

Alltel, whose retail network is CDMA based, meets the current requirements of the rules by offering for sale in its owned and operated retail stores the requisite number of handset models that are hearing aid compatible. Specifically, the HAC compliant (under the applicable standard) handsets offered by Alltel as of September 16, 2005, and those HAC compliant (under the applicable standard) handsets offered by September

¹ This is Alltel’s first independent report, having made previously jointly participated in the reports submitted by the ATIS HAC Incubator Group of which it was a member.

² *In the Matter of Section 68.4(a) of the Commission’s rules Governing Hearing Aid-Compatible Telephones, Report and Order*, 18 FCC Rcd. 16753 (2003) (“HAC Order”).

2006 are listed on Attachment A hereto. The number of HAC complaint phones offered by Alltel during the relevant timeframes and under the applicable standards exceeded the numbers required and establishes Alltel's compliance with the rules.³

To the best of Alltel's information based upon communications with its handset vendors, those HAC compliant handsets offered for sale are properly labeled by the manufacturer, and are packaged with explanatory materials meeting the requirements of the rules. Alltel permits HAC phones to be tested in the stores it owns and operates as required by Section 20.19(c)(2)(i) of the FCC's rules, and all HAC compliant phones are available throughout Alltel's service territory. Sales personnel at Alltel owned and operated retail stores have been made aware of the HAC requirements as well as the HAC compatible phones offered by Alltel. For example, Alltel has a section on its "Equipment" web page that allows sales reps to view information on all HAC compliant phones. Alltel also has designated a coordinator dedicated to servicing the special needs of those subscribers with disabilities including hearing aid users.

It is fully anticipated that Alltel will offer additional HAC compatible phones over the course of time and is continually working with its OEMs to

³ 47 C.F.R. Sec. 20.19(c)(2), (d). In sum, Alltel currently offers a total of 16 HAC compatible phones out of a total of 21 phones in its handset line up. Note that certain of the handsets listed for purposes of compliance with the September 16, 2005 date are no longer offered in Alltel's handset mix, but have been replaced by other HAC compliant handsets.

ensure new handset models will be HAC compliant.⁴ While formerly a member of the ATIS HAC Incubator Group, which has largely succeeded in its original objective of facilitating the availability of hearing aid compatible handsets, Alltel continues to monitor the standard setting process and the group's activities as they relate to the various ANSI standards and revisions, as well as other standards. Alltel also continues to independently test new handsets for general FCC rule compliance, and requires its OEMs to test and certify compliance with regard to HAC standards.

⁴ Alltel defers to its OEMs with regard to their testing, test related data and rating information.

As indicated above, Alltel is compliant with current requirements for HAC compliant handsets under the Commission's rules, and will provide such additional information on its compliance efforts as the Commission may request.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment A

HAC COMPLIANCE

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MODEL	LAUNCH	HAC COMPLIANT	CURRENTLY OFFERED
BY SEPT '05 LAUNCHES:			
Kyocera KX434	03/05/04	Y - M2	N
Kyocera SE44	06/11/04	Y - M3	N
Motorola V710	11/18/2004	Y - M3	N
Motorola V265	03/03/05	Y - M3	N
Kyocera KX440	03/24/05	Y - M2	N
LG 4750	03/24/05	Y - M3	N
Kyocera SoHo KX1	04/14/05	Y - M3	N
Blackberry 7250	4/14/05 Bus 6/23/05 Retail	Y	Y
Nokia 6255i	06/23/05	Y	N
LG AX5000	08/25/05	Y - M3	Y
BY SEPT '06 LAUNCHES:			
LG AX4270	11/10/05	Y - M3	N
Motorola V3C Razr	11/21/05	Y - M4/T4	Y
Kyocera KX5 Slider	12/8/2005	Y - M3	N
Motorola E815	5/4/2006	Y - M4/T4	Y
Kyocera Strobe K612B	7/6/2006	Y - M2	Y
LG AX390	7/27/2006	Y - M3	Y
LG AX355	7/27/2006	Y - M3/T3	Y
LG AX490 Fastap	8/3/2006	Y - M3	Y
Pantech PN218	8/17/2006	Y	Y
Samsung Pascal A645	8/17/2006	Y - M3	Y
Samsung Nimbus U420	9/7/2006	Y - M3	Y
Motorola W315	9/7/2006	Y - M3	Y
Nokia 2865	10/5/2006	Y - M3	Y
Motorola K1m - Frankfurt	10/5/2006	Y - M4/T4	Y
Motorola V3M - Silver & Red	11/16/2006	Y - M4/T4	Y
LG AX245	11/9/2006	Y - M4	Y